



G-5's "Eye on AMC"

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VFW adopts AMC Soldiers

Non-commissioned officers were presented a Certificate of Adoption from the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States at a recent NCO development program training.

James Grummons, VFW Post 7327 Commander, presented the certificate, acknowledging adoption on behalf of the organization. The VFW's Adopt-A-Unit plans to offer assistance and support to officers, NCOs, and Soldiers assigned to the Army Materiel Command.

"It is an honor to be adopted by an organization that has a long history of serving veterans and their family members," said Command Sgt. Maj. Tyler Walker II, AMC command sergeant major.

VFW was created in 1914 as an organization of war veterans committed to ensuring rights, remembering sacrifices, promoting patriotism, performing community services and advocating for a strong national defense.

Depot destroys one million chemical weapons

Workers at Deseret Chemical Depot and the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility commemorated the safe destruction of more than one million chemical weapons during a ceremony with federal, state and local officials March 9.

Because the Tooele stockpile is the largest in the nation with more than 1.3 million munitions, no other U.S. Army chemical weapons disposal facility will achieve this important milestone. Chemical weapons have been stored at Deseret since the 1940s.

Destruction operations began at Tooele in 1996, with destruction of GB (Sarin) munitions. The VX agent campaign began in March 2003 and is scheduled for completion this spring. Mustard destruction operations are scheduled to begin early next year.

Letterkenny meets quality and environmental management standards

Letterkenny Army Depot's Quality Management System and Environmental Management System were recognized for conforming to international standards. The depot is now registered to international standards.

"By aligning to these standards, the depot is performing to consistent quality and environmental practices," said Col. William A. Quinn, depot commander.

A QMS applies comprehensive business strategies focused on customer requirements. An EMS reviews facility operations and choosing positive environmental impacts. With reliance on reclamation, reuse and recycling waste material, the environmental system reduces the amount of solid waste disposed in landfills.

Under ISO, the depot can provide better products and services to meet Department of Defense needs while holding to sound environmental management practices.

Closer look: Fleet Management Initiative

The Fleet Management Initiative began in February 2002 as a partnership between Army Materiel Command and Training and Doctrine Command to assess the feasibility and desirability of creating a partnership. The initiative transfers the training base fleet aircraft maintenance and supply mission at Fort Rucker, Ala., from TRADOC to Aviation and Missile Command.

In January 2005, a Memorandum of Agreement was signed that provides for completion of the mission and resource transfer from TRADOC to AMC. In addition, three Critical Operating Objectives were identified and met: the Aviation Training Brigade met its training requirement, fleet readiness rates increased to 64 percent in the first quarter for fiscal year 2005, and operating costs were reduced, thereby creating a \$32 million dollar cost avoidance to TRADOC.